

Relocation Impacts

Relocation information may be included either in the form of a complete conceptual stage relocation plan and/or business needs survey or as a summary that adequately explains the relocation situation along with a plan to resolve anticipated and/or known problems. If the relocation information is summarized, the document should reference the conceptual stage relocation plans. Secondary sources of information such as: census data, economic reports, visual inspections and contact with community leaders may be used to obtain information for this analysis. Should a proposed project result in displacements, the following topics should be discussed for each alternate:

- a) An estimate of the number of households to be displaced, including the family characteristics (e.g., minority, ethnic, handicapped, elderly, large family, income level, and other owner/tenant status). Information on race, ethnicity and income levels should not be included in the document if there are minimal displacements. This is a measure to protect the privacy of those affected.
- b) A discussion comparing available housing in the area meeting the housing needs of those displaced. The comparison should include (1) price ranges, (2) sizes (number of bedrooms), and (3) occupancy status (owner/tenant).
- c) A discussion of any affected neighborhoods, public facilities, non-profit organizations, and families having special composition (e.g., ethnic, minority, elderly, handicapped, or other factors) which may require special relocation considerations and the measures proposed to resolve these relocation concerns.
- d) A discussion of the measures to be taken where the existing housing inventory is insufficient, does not meet relocation standards, or is not within the financial capability of those displaced. A commitment to last resort housing should be included when sufficient replacement housing may not be available.
- e) An estimate of the numbers, descriptions, types of occupancy (owner/tenant), and sizes (number of employees) of businesses and farms to be displaced. Additionally, the discussion should identify (1) sites available in the area to which the affected businesses may relocate, (2) likelihood of such relocation, and (3) potential impacts on individual businesses and farms caused by displacement or proximity of the proposed highway if not displaced.
- f) A discussion of the results of contacts, if any, with local governments, organizations, groups, and individuals regarding residential and business relocation impacts, including any measures or coordination needed to reduce general and/or specific impacts. These contacts are encouraged for projects with large numbers of relocations or complex relocation requirements. Specific financial and incentive programs or opportunities (beyond those provided by 49 CFR 24) to residential and business relocations to minimize impacts should be identified, if available through other agencies or organizations.

- g) A statement that (1) the acquisition and relocation program will be conducted in accordance with 49 CFR 24 and (2) relocation resources are available to all residential and business relocatees without discrimination.